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Posting ARRI PDF Files on the Web

Summary

This note provides information for anyone wanting to post ARRI PDF documents on the World Wide Web.

About ARRI PDF Files

Always include the following paragraph in an “About ARRI PDF Files” section:

"These files are in the Adobe Acrobat PDF file format. Acrobat files are cross platform; they can be viewed under the Windows, Macintosh, or other operating systems. Best viewing results can be achieved through the use of Acrobat Reader version 3.0 or later. Best printing results can be achieved through the use of Acrobat Reader version 3.0 or later and a PostScript printer. The Acrobat Reader can be downloaded for free from the Adobe web site at http://www.adobe.com. "

File Information

As a courtesy to the users you should include the following information with each file that can be downloaded (replace "XXX" with your calculated or tested values):

"File Type: PDF file, File Size: XXX Kb, Downloading time: approx. XX minutes at 28.8 Kb/s"

Downloading or Viewing?

You should make it clear if the file is for downloading or for viewing. If it is for viewing, make sure to mention what plug-in is needed, and where that plug-in can be downloaded.

Ideally you should allow the user to both view and download the pdf files. Maybe the links can be phrased like this:

"Download filename"

"View filename"

Compression

Don't compress PDF files. PDF files are already compressed. Compression is inherent in the PDF file format. Compressing a PDF file does not yield more than a negligible reduction in file size.

Compressing a PDF file also has the disadvantage that the compressed file will not be cross platform anymore, since most compression schemes are platform specific.

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- None

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